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Dear Nancy,

It may be cold comfort but was not a mental or emotional reaation by your mother expectable? I'm sorry about it but I have learned that there are some problems some people, even the toughest, cannot cope with any other way. I do hope for both of you that it clears up.

Your mother may not be as old as I (64 in April) and my mother beginning several years ago developed the most serious medical problems. She had cataracts and a heart condition before them, has been using a walker for two years, but still makes out. Aside from whatever there may be in heritage I think she was more or less prepared by a life that was not an easy one.

In the clippings, for which I do thank you, there was but a single duplication. There was a NYTimes story I had but it is a different stpry from a different edition. I have skimmed them and they appear to hold valuable information. I lay such things aside to read when I rest and what I'm noe starting, while I use the exercycle. I must exercise my legs and I've been doing it to the (ugh) TV news. I find I can also read while pumping away. So unless it gets to be a problem for you clips from there, which involve publications I do not see and the regional wirse of the news services that are not identical with those of this area (generally also not used by the WxPost, the paper I get besides the local) are helpful.

I hope you have not misunderstood when I suggested that your thesis could make an important book. I was not suggesting a journalistic approach, which is really ehat ~~EPSTEIN~~ Epstein took. Aside from more official documants than you'll want to read that I have now and more that I am getting there is a large literature I suppose the profs go for. The more the transcripts of the executive sessions are considered withx the Commission's other files, its Report and records of other agencies the more important the work. You will find that I have not exaggerated the potential or the significance. Now on other files, I have I suppose about a file cabinet now the the CIA and I am going after more, much more.

One of the works I had to lay aside deals with the crisis I call Cuba rather than Cuban. I have not seen Graham Allison's. If you see a remaindered or papersback copy please get it for me and let me know the cost. I will return to this when I can. His premise that you cite is generally corect. In this case I think not because one of the parties saw to it. No time for more. I also do not think it accounts for the actions of the FBI or any other agency. You'll decide this kind of thing for yourself.

There is no time for full explanations. As of now I regard the new committee as a bummer. If you have not spotted the built-in conclusions before any investigation I'm ashamed of you. I have tried to apply some pressure, directly and indirectly, but I cannot say whether either will make any difference. I know one with whom I tangled has left. And the stories about Ray having offered to walk in and tell all are false. They are a deliberate misreading of his queer sense of hunor.

hope things go well for you.

Sincerely,